

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-411-G - ORDER NO. 2011-52
JANUARY 18, 20100

IN RE: Application of Piedmont Natural Gas) ORDER GRANTING
Company, Incorporated for Approval of) REQUEST TO
Energy Efficiency Programs) REALLOCATE FUNDS
) TO THE HIGH-
) EFFICIENCY
) EQUIPMENT REBATE
) PROGRAM

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont”) to reallocate approximately \$25,000 of unspent funds from the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program and approximately \$40,000 of unspent funds from the Customer Education Program to the High-Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program. These programs were approved by the Commission in Order No. 2010-390 (May 27, 2010). As of December 1, 2010, approximately \$25,000 in unexpended funds was available in the Residential Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program, and approximately \$40,000 in unexpended funds was available in the Customer Education Program. According to Piedmont, the available funds for the High Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program were essentially exhausted within the first six months of the program due to customer participation.

Piedmont's request is designed to make additional funding available to qualifying

program participants for the installation of high-efficiency gas equipment. This program was very successful and popular in 2010, and Piedmont believes that the reallocation of funding will be beneficial to its customers by making additional rebates available to qualifying participants in the High-Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program. Since the funds allocated to the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program and the Customer Education Program have not been fully expended in 2010 for the various reasons mentioned in Piedmont's application, we find that it is in the public interest to reallocate those funds as requested.¹ In addition, the Office of Regulatory Staff does not object.

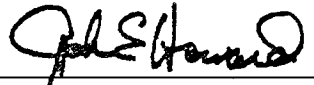
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Approximately \$25,000 of unspent funds from the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program and approximately \$40,000 of unspent funds from the Customer Education Program for the year 2010 may be reallocated to the High-Efficiency Equipment Rebate Program.

¹ Piedmont plans to continue the Residential Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program and the Customer Education Program in 2011.

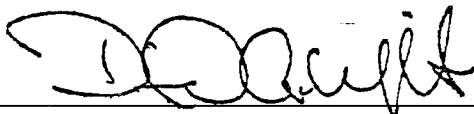
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)